## Chambers of Chief Judge James D. Todd

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#### James D. Todd

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943

Education: Lambuth 1965 BS; Mississippi 1968 MCS;

Memphis State 1972 JD

Began Service: July 11, 1985

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Science Teacher and Chairman of Science Department, Lyman High School (1965-1968): Science Teacher and Chairman of the Science Department, Memphis University School (1968-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Tennessee Circuit Court, Division II (1983-1985)

Legal Practice: Waldrop, Farmer, Todd & Breen, PA (1972-1983)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges' Association; Jackson-Madison County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association

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#### Jon P. McCalla

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Tennessee 1969 BS; Vanderbilt 1974 JD

Began Service: 1992

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Bailey Brown, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1974-1975)

Legal Practice: Associate, Armstrong, Allen, Braden, Goodman, McBride & Prewitt (1975-1980); Partner, Armstrong, Allen, Prewitt, Gentry, Johnson & Holmes (1980-1987); Partner, Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Kirsch (1987-1992)

Military Service: United States Army (1969-1971)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Memphis Bar Association; Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference; Tennessee Bar Association; American Bar Association

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## Bernice B. Donald

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951

Education: Memphis State 1974 BA, 1979 JD

Began Service: January 1996

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor (part-time), Shelby State Community College (1980-1984): Adjunct Professor (part-time), University of Memphis School of Law (1985-1988); Faculty, National Judicial College

Corporate: Clerk and Manager, South Central Bell Telephone Company

Government: Staff Attorney, Memphis Area Legal Services (1980); Faculty, Federal Judicial Center; Assistant Public Defender, Shelby County, State of Tennessee (1980-1982)

Judicial: Judge, Tennessee General Sessions Criminal Court (1982-1988); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1988-1995)

Legal Practice: Sole Practitioner (1979-1980)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Association for Women Attorneys; The Commission on Opportunities for Minorities; The Diversity Institute; International Women's Forum; Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules; Memphis Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; National Bankruptcy Conference; National Bar Association; National Judicial College; Tennessee Bar Association; United Nations Development Program Advisory Council

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### Samuel H. Mays, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948

Education: Amherst 1970 BA; Yale 1973 JD

Began Service: June 17, 2002

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Legal Counsel, Office of the Governor, State of Tennessee (1995-1997); Deputy Governor and Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, State of Tennessee (1997-2000)

Legal Practice: Contract Employee, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Walls (1973); Associate, Heiskell, Donelson, Adams, Williams & Kirsch (1973-1979); Shareholder, Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Kirsch (1979-1995); Shareholder, Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell (2000-2002)

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#### J. Daniel Breen

District Judge

Date of Birth: July 10, 1950 Education: Spring Hill 1972 BA; Tennessee 1975 JD Began Service: March 18, 2003 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1991-2003)

Legal Practice: Partner, Waldrop, Breen, Bryant, Crews, Taylor & McLeary (1975-1991)

Nonprofit: President, Tennessee Bar Association (1996-1997)

Current Memberships; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association, Leo Bearman, Jr. American Inn of Court; Memphis Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Foundation

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#### Diane K. Vescovo Magistrate Judge



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Date of Birth: 1955 Education: Virginia 1977 BA; Memphis State 1980 JD Began Service: June 15, 1995 Term Expires: June 15, 2011

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Harry W. Wellford (1980-1981)

Legal Practice: Lloyd C. Kirkland, Jr. (1981-1987); International Paper Company (1987-1992); Wolff Ardis, P.C. (1992-1995)

Current Memberships: Association of Women Attorneys; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Memphis Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

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#### Tu M. Pham

Magistrate Judge

Government: Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1999)

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### S. Thomas Anderson

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## Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge David S. Kennedy

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# David S. Kennedy

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944 Education: U Memphis 1970 JD Began Service: November 24, 1980 Term Expires: 2014

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law; Faculty, Federal Judicial Center

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Robert M. McRae, United States District Court (1970-1971)

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